



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK

BLAPL No. 3771 of 2026

Biplab Chandra Panda

..... ***Petitioner(s)***
Mr. Debasis Mishra, Adv.

-versus-

State of Odisha

..... ***Opposite Party***
Ms. Sarita Moharana, ASC

CORAM:

DR. JUSTICE SANJEEB K PANIGRAHI

ORDER

06.05.2026

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F.I.R. No.	Dated	Police Station	Case No. and Courts' Name	Sections
93	02.03.2026	Maitri Vihar	T.R. Case No.144 of 2026 pending in the court of learned District and Sessions Judge, Khurda	Sections 20(b)(ii)(C) of NDPS Act.

1. This matter is taken up through hybrid arrangement.
2. Heard learned counsel for the Parties.

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3. The Petitioner being in custody in Maitri Vihar P.S. No. 93 of 2026 corresponding to T.R. Case No.144 of 2026 pending in the court of learned District and Sessions Judge, Khurda, registered for the alleged commission of offences under Section 20(b)(ii)(C) of NDPS Act, has filed this petition for his release on bail.
4. The brief fact of the case is that the informant, being the S.I. of Maitri Vihar P.S., received credible information regarding the transportation of contraband Ganja on 02.03.2026 at 10.25 A.M. by the accused persons in an auto-rickshaw bearing Registration No.OD-33T-5014, which was passed from Xavier's side towards Hatiasuni Chaka. To verify the genuineness of the information, the informant and his team proceeded to the spot, detained the accused person and recovered one bag of ganja packets containing 22 Kgs from the exclusive possession of the accused. Hence, this case.
5. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner had no knowledge regarding transportation of contraband ganja. He further contends that nothing has been seized from the conscious possession of the present Petitioner. He further submits that the Petitioner is in custody since 02.03.2026. Hence, he submits that, the prayer of the present Petitioner may be allowed.





6. Learned counsel for the State vehemently opposes the prayer for bail stating that the quantity of ganja seized is clearly above the commercial quantity prescribed under the Act which bars granting of bail.
7. Without going into the merit of the case and based on the facts and circumstances of the case, it is directed that the Petitioner be released on bail in the aforesaid case with some stringent terms and conditions as deemed just and proper by the learned court in *seisin* over the matter with further conditions that:-
 - i. The Petitioner shall appear before the local Police Station on every alternate Sunday between 10.00 A.M. to 12.00 P.M. till conclusion of the trial;
 - ii. The Petitioner shall appear before the learned court in *seisin* over the matter on each date of posting of the case;
 - iii. The Petitioner shall not indulge himself in any criminal offence while on bail.
 - iv. The Petitioner shall not tamper the evidence of the prosecution evidence in any manner.
8. Violation of any of the above conditions shall entail cancellation of the bail.
9. The BLAPL is, accordingly, disposed of.

(Dr. Sanjeeb K Panigrahi)
Judge

